

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 3, 4, and 8. Claim 1 has been amended to insert the limitations of allowable Claim 3 therein.

Claim 8 has been amended to correct improper dependency, to correct a typographical error in the recitation of "thiogallate" and to delete "Europium thioaluminate", since the rare earth elements of Claim 3 do not include Europium. New Claim 9 is a rewrite of allowable Claim 4 in independent form, containing all the limitations of allowable Claim 4 and Claim 1 therein. New Claims 10-13 are dependent on new Claim 9 and contain the limitations of original Claims 5 through 8 therein. New Claim 14 is a rewrite of allowable Claim 8, containing the limitations of allowable Claim 8 and Claim 1 therein. New Claims 15-17 are dependent on new Claim 14 and contain the limitations of original Claims 5-7. No new matter has been added into the amended claims and new claims.

It is requested that the Examiner consider the references supplied in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 17, 2003 and the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 9, 2003, initial the appropriate places on the Form PTO-1449 and return a signed copy to Applicants with the next Official Action.

Applicants again request the withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and direct the Examiner to the arguments made in support of the withdrawal in the Response of April 17, 2003. It is requested that the Examiner consider the arguments made therein and withdraw the Restriction Requirement.

Claims 1, 4-6 and 8-17 are active in the case.

The rejection of Claims 1, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by JP 07-122364 is traversed.

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In view of the incorporation of the limitations of allowable Claim 3 into Claim 1 and the addition of new independent Claims 9 and 14 and new dependent Claims 10-13 and 15-17, it is submitted that the claims are not anticipated by JP 07-122364.

It is submitted that Claims 1, 4-6 and 8-17 are allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

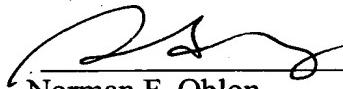
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